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In re application of: )  
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International Appln No. PCT/E2002/014864 )  
International Filing Date: 31 December 2002 )  
MULTISTAGE FLUID SEPARATION ASSEMBLY)  
AND METHOD )

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: